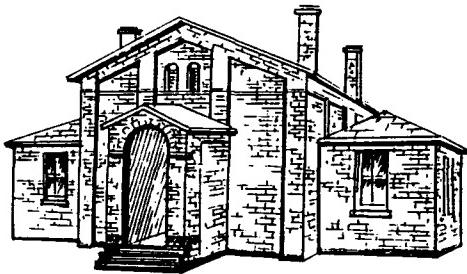


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Friday, February 02, 2001

Mr George & Mrs Shirley Stevens,
12 Minerva Avenue,
VINCENTIA NSW 2540

Dear Mr & Mrs Stevens,

Re your letter of 9th January 2001 concerning John & Dorothy Martyn and their residence in Stawell in the 1880's. Bill Kinsella had enquired recently if we had received an enquiry from you. The holiday period had been responsible for something of a back-log on letters to answer and we are just catching up.

We do not have a great deal of Martyn history to offer.

1. School records. While State School No 502 Stawell commenced in 1866, the school records did not survive until 1892 which seems to be too late for the Martyn family. However, from the early Stawell papers this Society have, I have extracted some earlier school records mainly from Prize Givings. The only Martyn record we have is -

MARTYN, Mary. Stawell News 02.08.1882. State School 502 Prize Giving.
Received Fourth Prize, 1st Division, 1st Class.

2. The Microfiche of Victorian Births, Death & Marriages show in 1880 the births of two MARTYN children at Pleasant Creek (early name for Stawell); and in 1882 records the births of another two Martyn children -

✓ 1. Elizabeth Blanche Martyn, daughter of John & Dorothy Martyn nee Crawford
Born Pleasant Creek 1880. Birth Certificate No 17820.

✗ 2. Thomas Henry Martyn, son of Richard & Hannah Maria Martyn nee Truscott
Born Pleasant Creek 1880. Birth Certificate No. 10775.

✗ 3. Elizabeth Jane Martyn, daughter of Richard & Hannah Maria Martyn nee Truscott
Born Stawell 1882. Birth Certificate No 12433.

✓ ✗ 4. Richard Thomas Martyn, son of John & Dorothy Martyn nee Crawford
Born Stawell 1882. Birth Certificate No 19407.

Do you think John Martyn and Richard Martyn could be brothers? There are similarities in the children's names which is no proof but the Martyn spelling is not common.

MARSH JOHN A

Situation

No 5191 Registration Book 31.3.1882

Registered Residence Area 66 feet to Richard St
+ 165 feet portion of Plot 13 Section 89
Miners Right No 94861 of 31.8.1881

No 5328 (RS3) of 30.8.1882

Re-registered Res Area 5191 Surveyed Allotment Plot 13
Sec 89 Fronting Richard St

Miners Right No 18753 of 30.8.1882

No 6232 of 2.6.1886 (RS3)

Re-registered No 5328

Miners Right No 69726 of 31.5.1886

No 6250 of 21-6-1886 (RS3) Transferred

No 6232 to Alfred David Grace.

2.

The two children of Richard and Hannah Martyn were baptised at the Stawell Methodist Church

1. Thomas Henry Martyn, No 888, born 21.04.1880 at Stawell, baptised 16.06.1880.
Child of Richard Martyn, miner, & Hannah Martyn.
2. Elizabeth James (as written) Martyn, No 997, born 15.04.1882 at Stawell, baptised 30.07.1882
Child of Richard Martyn, miner, & Anna Maria Martyn.

There were no other Martyn Baptisms amongst our records. We hold records of Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist and Roman Catholic

There is a Martyn child buried in the Stawell Cemetery - Mary Louise Martyn, burial 01.10.1881 in Grave no.2542, aged 5 years and 1 month. There is no headstone.

This death is shown in the microfiche as the daughter of Richard & Hannah Martyn nee Truscott. 5 years. Certificate No.11519.

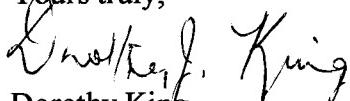
The only other information found was one rate notice. We hold early Stawell rate notices for the years 1869, 1872, 1878, 1882, and 1888. The only year the Martyn name appeared was in the 1882 rates which is where it should be all things considered. It reads -

No. 155. John A Martyn, miner. Owner, house & land, Short Street. 23-2-1882
Nett Annual Valuation £9.

Richard Martyn's name does not appear in any rate notices. Perhaps they lived together???
The name Martyn does not appear in the 1888 rate notices so they must have moved on by then.

Yes, we do charge for our research and would ask for \$10.00 and hope the information, although rather scanty, may be of use to you.

Yours truly,



Dorothy King,
Research Officer.